

THREE SLAIN IN RIOT

Wounded Man Shoots and Kills Two Negroes.

TURN ON THE PEACEMAKER

Employees at Turpentine Still in Drunken Fight When Wallace Dyal Interferes—Negroes Resort His Efforts and Shoot Him—More Bloodshed Is Feared.

Waycross, Ga., Dec. 24.—In an attempt to stop drunken negroes from rioting, Wallace Dyal, a turpentine operator, was killed this afternoon at a turpentine still near here. As Dyal fell, mortally wounded, he drew his pistol and fired into the crowd of negroes, killing two, Ben Johnson and Sam Jackson.

This afternoon there was a large crowd of negroes at the turpentine still and there was much drinking. The negroes finally became riotous and began to fight among themselves.

Tries to Stop Fight.

Fearing a general riot, Dyal interfered and tried to stop the fight. As soon as he interfered the negroes turned on him with their pistols. Dyal was struck by four bullets and fell, dying.

He managed to fire several shots at the negroes before death, killing two. News of the tragedy was telephoned to Waycross, and the sheriff with a posse has gone to the scene.

It is feared that there will be more bloodshed, as the negroes are crazy with whisky and will resist officers.

SHEEP DOWN IN RIVER.

Hundreds Fall from Cattle Boat and Die in New York Harbor.

New York, Dec. 24.—Somewhere in New York Bay, between the Battery and Jersey, and between the Battery and the Atlantic Ocean, are a few hundred sheep and a hundred or so cattle, floating about and drifting about at the whim of current and tide.

Of 1,200 of them that left Jersey City on the cattle boat, No. 100, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, 300 were drowned in the hold when the vessel sprung a leak.

The water was driving the sheep and cattle to one side, and they were pretty well packed in at that, so the first thing Capt. Eddie knew the slats at the after end of the pens were broken through, and the float, in its drifting, was leaving behind it a wall of bleating, howling, swimming, drowning creatures. Seventy-five were rescued from the hold by a derrick.

OKLAHOMA MOB HANGS NEGRO.

Man Who Shot White Liveryman Strung to Telegraph Pole.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 24.—Riddled with bullets, the dead body of James Gordon, a negro, dangled from a telegraph pole in the heart of Henryetta, an Oklahoma coal mining town, thirty miles southwest of here, to-day.

Gordon, at noon to-day, shot and killed Albert Bates, a white liveryman, because Bates would not rent a buggy to him. After a chase, Gordon was captured and lodged in the county jail. A mob of citizens formed, battered down the jail door, and strung the negro to a pole. Another negro is being guarded in the jail, and it is feared he may be lynched later, as well as other negroes.

ITALIAN DRAMATIST GUILTY.

Traversi Sentenced for Libelous Head of Theatrical Trust.

Turin, Dec. 24.—Giannino Traversi, the prominent novelist and dramatist, has been sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment and to a fine of \$500 for libel. There has been a fierce controversy for nearly a year between the scenic artists and playwrights and the theatrical trust, which is consolidating throughout Italy. Signor Riccardi, the head of the trust, said Signor Traversi for defamation of character arising from this fight, with the above result.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1907.—The weather has been mostly fair during the last twenty-four hours, except in New England and the South Atlantic States, where rain has fallen. There has also been rain in the North Pacific Coast States and snow in North Dakota. The temperature in Atlantic Coast States has fallen sharply, and is now about normal in the South and somewhat above normal in the North. A sharp change to cold weather appears north of the Dakotas, with zero temperatures in Manitoba and the Dakotas.

The indications for the next twenty-four hours point to snow in the Lake region, the Ohio Valley, and the northern part of the Middle Atlantic States and fair weather elsewhere. The temperature will not change materially in eastern districts, but much colder weather is predicted for the Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys.

On Thursday snow will continue from the Lake region eastward to the Atlantic, with lower temperatures in that region. In the Ohio Valley, and the Middle Atlantic States, lower temperatures are also indicated for the Middle and Lower Mississippi valleys and the Plains States.

The winds along the New England and Middle Atlantic coasts will be fresh westerly; on the South Atlantic coast light and variable, and on the Gulf coast light southerly.

Steamers departing Wednesday for European ports will have fair westerly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

SPECIAL FORECAST.

Cold wave warnings have been issued for the Dakotas and Minnesota, and food warnings for the Allegheny at Pittsburgh.

Local Temperature.

Midnight, 47; 2 a. m., 47; 4 a. m., 45; 6 a. m., 41; 8 a. m., 41; 10 a. m., 47; 12 noon, 47; 2 p. m., 47; 4 p. m., 41; 6 p. m., 42; 8 p. m., 42; 10 p. m., 41; 11 p. m., 41.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 56; 2 p. m., 58; 8 p. m., 62. Hours of sunshine, 3.2. Per cent of possible sunshine, 30.

Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 21; minimum, 14.

Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

City	Max.	Min.	8 p. m.	Rainfall
Ashville, N. C.	38	34	36	T.
Atlanta, Ga.	58	48	49	0.06
Baltimore, Md.	45	40	40	0.06
Birmingham, N. Dak.	44	14	10	0.10
Boston, Mass.	45	38	38	T.
Buffalo, N. Y.	45	38	38	T.
Chicago, Ill.	38	32	31	T.
Cincinnati, Ohio	49	31	35	T.
Cleveland, Ohio	49	31	35	T.
Chester, Wyo.	44	24	40	T.
Davenport, Iowa	49	28	34	T.
Denver, Colo.	58	24	32	T.
Des Moines, Iowa	49	22	28	T.
Galveston, Texas	56	48	54	T.
Harrisburg, Pa.	38	32	32	T.
Indianapolis, Ind.	44	28	30	T.
Jacksonville, Fla.	62	45	46	T.
Kansas City, Mo.	56	32	40	T.
Little Rock, Ark.	58	40	46	T.
Memphis, Tenn.	58	40	46	T.
New Orleans, La.	56	44	54	T.
New York, N. Y.	56	40	49	T.
North Platte, Neb.	51	24	40	T.
Omaha, Neb.	51	42	42	T.
Pittsburgh, Pa.	38	34	34	T.
Salt Lake City, Utah	40	34	34	T.
St. Louis, Mo.	40	34	34	T.
St. Paul, Minn.	32	14	32	T.
Springfield, Ill.	40	34	34	T.
Vicksburg, Miss.	56	44	49	T.
Portland, Me.	44	34	36	T.

Tide Table.

To-day—High tide, 11:55 a. m.; low tide, 6:50 a. m. and 6:25 p. m.

To-morrow—High tide, 12:55 a. m. and 12:50 p. m.; low tide, 6:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

SIX MARRIED FIFTY YEARS.

Three Couples Will Gather for Remarkable Celebration.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 24.—Invitations have been sent out for probably the most remarkable golden wedding anniversary ever held in the United States. On December 24, fifty years ago, there was a triple wedding of Saginaw couples at Freeland, this county. The couples were Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Purchase, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Houghtaling, and Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis. The ceremonies which united the couples were pronounced in the Purchase home.

Some time after their marriage the couples separated, all three seeking their fortunes in the West, but, strange to say, the fiftyth wedding anniversary finds them all alive and well, and a week from next Sunday they will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in the old Purchase home here.

RELIGIOUS RIGHTS IN CHINA

American Mission Boards Gets Explanation of Decrees.

No Distinction to Be Made Between Christian and Non-Christian Influence to Be Disregarded.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The American Board of Missions has received advice from China indicating the high significance of some recent imperial decrees in regard to movements toward reform progress.

One of these decrees deals with the rights of missionaries and the standing of the Chinese Christians in native courts. It declares that in the dispensing of justice no distinction is to be made between Christians and non-Christians. Magistrates are warned to disregard all influence either for or against "converts," as they are called. All Chinese are alike, proper subjects of the emperor and are amenable to the laws of the land.

The decree, which is couched in the strongest terms, offers no criticism of missionaries, calls upon officials to afford protection to life and property, and provides for instruction of all officials in the terms of the treaties which guarantee such protection.

By the terms of this decree Chinese Christians are recognized, have a right to the full protection of the courts, and are guaranteed fair dealing under all circumstances.

The significance of this decree appears not so much in what it says, as in the emphasis with which it says it, and the timely hint of its appearance. It would seem as though the imperial government has determined that religious liberty and civil rights should be maintained for all who dwell in China.

SHAH'S PROMISES NOT TRUSTED

Bazars Close in Teheran and Armed Men Reappear in Streets.

Teheran, Dec. 24.—Twenty-four hours reflection seems to have convinced that faction of the Persian public which favors the Constitutionalists that it is better to keep their powder dry until the promises of the Shah of reforms are converted into acts. The utter lack of confidence was shown this morning in the bazars, where the shops that were reopened yesterday had their shutters up again to-day, and in the expressed determination of the merchants to see the fulfillment of the Shah's pledges before resuming business.

Small crowds are reassembling in the public squares, but up to the present there has been no aggression. One of the chief legal advisers of parliament was shot at by some soldiers last evening, but he was not hurt.

Shah's promises, which, in accordance with the "Shah's Koran oath," was banished and ordered to leave Teheran yesterday, refused to go, and took refuge at the Dutch legation.

Nasir-ol-Mulk, the former premier, who was exiled recently, left Enzeli for Europe to-day.

BAD TIMES FOR SALOONS.

One Thousand Places Will Close in Chicago by May 1.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—One thousand saloons will have locked their doors and gone out of business in this city by May 1, next," said Adam Orsini, president of the McAvoy Brewing Company, in the course of a talk last night on the economic condition of the city. The speaker, who is seriously crippled by a large brewery and the malt houses, and may mean a probable rise in the price per barrel for beer within a few weeks.

Perhaps one-third of the breweries, the largest ones, in this city do their own malting. The smaller ones buy of the malt houses. Both breweries and maltsters for several weeks have been bidding almost to the point of wiping out the margin of profit in order to get the few car loads of barley that arrive in this market each day.

Beer now is selling at from \$4.50 to \$7 a barrel, according to quality. The quality depends upon many conditions, but chiefly on the malting expense, in which barley figures as the principal factor.

RECALL LAFAYETTE'S KISS.

Nonagenarian Has Greeted Every President Since J. Q. Adams.

South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 24.—"Uncle" Walter Pitch, known as the "Grand Old Man of Connecticut," has just celebrated his ninety-first birthday very merry at his home in New Haven. When Mr. Pitch was eleven years old Gen. Lafayette lifted him up and kissed him, saying: "You will make a great man some day."

"Uncle" Walter walked to New York with 23 shillings, and a few years later was a member of the New York Republican State central committee, on which he served twenty years. He has shaken hands with every President since John Quincy Adams.

SEVERE DROUGHT IN INDIA.

Area of Wheat Sown in the Punjab Diminished Nearly a Half.

Lahore, India, Dec. 24.—There has been a remarkable diminution in wheat planting in the Punjab, because of the prolonged drought.

The area has shrunk from 9,000,000 to 5,000,000 acres. Many of the permanent canals are running short, while the irrigation canals are quite dry.

Open Half a Day To-Day

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'BLACK HAND' RAIDED

Italian Training School in Pittsburgh Broken Up.

TWENTY ARRESTS ARE MADE

Several Murders Traced to Band and Dozens of Persons Forced to Pay Tribute Under Fear of Death. Youths Being Given Lessons in the Use of the Deadly Stiletto.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 24.—A squad of Pittsburgh detectives, aided by two score of detectives from all parts of the country, this afternoon raided a Black Hand headquarters at 27 Clay alley, in the heart of the Italian quarter.

They found seventeen young men receiving from two Italian experts a lesson in the use of the stiletto.

All of the nineteen in the place and the lookout were arrested after a severe struggle, and are now in the prison at Central station.

For months Pittsburgh has been terrorized by lawless Italians, who styled their organization the "Black Hand," several murders have been committed and dozens of persons have paid tribute under fear of death. Pittsburgh has become the headquarters of the "Black Hand."

Taught Use of Stiletto.

Some weeks ago Captain of Detectives Edward McGough learned that the organization had its headquarters here and that a school was in existence where younger members were taught the use of weapons and the methods of the organization.

Putting the matter into the hands of City Detectives Peter Angelo and Charles Aymer, both of whom speak Italian, McGough sent to nearly every large city in the country and asked that detectives familiar with Italian secret organizations, and particularly Italian-speaking detectives, be sent here to assist in cleaning out the headquarters of the "Black Hand."

Ten cities sent detectives, and for two weeks they have been working with the local officers. The raid of this afternoon was the result.

AHEARN GETS SUMMONS.

Attorney General Jackson, of New York, Wants to Oust Official.

New York, Dec. 24.—Borough President John F. Ahearn was today served with a summons in an action by Attorney General Jackson to oust him from office.

The action was brought in the Supreme Court in Albany, and Mr. Jackson gave out the following statement, which runs in part:

"I have commenced an action in the name of the people of the State of New York to oust John F. Ahearn from the office of president of the borough of Manhattan of the city of New York."

"It is a matter of public knowledge that the governor of the State, on December 9, exercising the power conferred by section 32 of the Greater New York charter, removed John F. Ahearn from the office of president of the borough of Manhattan, having determined after a full hearing upon written charges that the public interest required such removal."

It is also a matter of public knowledge that a majority of the board of aldermen of the city of New York, pretending to act pursuant to authority conferred by the same section of the Greater New York charter, voted on December 19, to reinstate John F. Ahearn to the office of president of the borough of Manhattan, to fill the vacancy in the office and the unexpired term of office from which he was removed."

ROBBED WHILE BATHING.

Russian Learns American Customs Faster Than He Desires.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mandel Sapiritch arrived from Russia seven days ago and took rooms at 104 Hester street. When Morris Schuwahs, of 39 East Broadway, told him that to be a good American he must first take a bath he complied.

Sapiritch had 1,300 Russian rubles, worth \$20 in American money.

This he put in his trunk while he went out to the public baths in East Broadway. Then came a man asking for a room and saying he was a friend of Sapiritch's. He was shown into Sapiritch's room. An hour later he went out and when Sapiritch returned his money was gone.

Detectives Harvey and Stapleton, of the central office, arrested Schuwahs and his nephew Jacob, of 105 Madison street, upon suspicion. In the Tombs Police Court Magistrate Droege held each in \$1,000 bail for examination on Thursday. Sapiritch said in court that if he recovered his money he would at once return to Russia and never on any account take another bath except in the holy season.

FIVE KILLED IN QUARRELS.

Sad Opening for Christmas Week in Louisiana and Mississippi.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—Five men were killed by pistol or knife in Louisiana and Mississippi during the last twenty-four hours, is the record up to to-day of Christmas week fights in this section.

At Covington, La., Henry Route, a negro, entered the front yard of a Mr. Bradley, white, inviting the latter to settle a money matter by "coming out to shoot it out." Bradley killed the negro.

At New Albany, Miss., E. F. Hillhouse, a section foreman, shot and instantly killed Martin Arnold, also a section man. Both are white.

Valden, Miss., was the scene of a terrible fight, which cost the lives of both participants, Maury Davis, white, and William Spinx, colored.

At Greenville, Miss., Ed. Smith, a negro railroad man, killed Jim English, another negro.

SEEK STEPHENSON'S PLACE.

Two Candidates for the Wisconsin Senatorship Already in Field.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 24.—Two candidates are already in the field for United States Senators to succeed Isaac Stephenson when the latter's term expires in two years.

W. H. Hatton, of New London, to-day announced his candidacy, and friends of S. A. Cook, of Neenah, also are working in his behalf. When Stephenson ran for the office, to fill the vacancy which occurred because of the resignation of Senator John C. Spooner, he said he only wanted the short term, but since he believed the place it is generally believed he will run for re-election.

Award Cut to One Dollar.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—The award of \$12,000 damages given to the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company in its suit against the Wagner Electric Manufacturing Company, of this city, for alleged infringement of patent, was cut to \$1 by Judge Dyer in the Federal District Court to-day.

GREAT UNIVERSITY COW.

Gives Enough Milk in a Year to Make 1,200 Pounds of Butter.

Milwaukee, Dec. 24.—A record-breaking cow of university breeding has been produced in Wisconsin; that is to say, it is a cow raised by a former student in the department of agriculture of the State University. In the last ten months this cow has produced 23,814 pounds of milk, which exceeds the former year's record made by the old champion, also a Wisconsin cow. It continues to produce at the same rate she will have to her credit at the end of the year about fourteen tons of milk, which would make about 1,200 pounds of butter.

The same cow recently broke the seven-day record by producing more than five pounds of butter a day for a week. Her best single day's production was 112 pounds of milk, about seven gallons. She weighs little more than 1,000 pounds, and is named Colanah IV's Johanna.

FIRE AS CRIPPLES SLEEP

Nurses Prevent Alarm in New York Institution.

Superintendent's Work Puts End to Flames in Christmas Tree Tinsel.

New York, Dec. 24.—While 250 deformed and crippled children were sleeping in the Home for Ruptured and Crippled Children, at Lexington avenue and Forty-second street, early this morning, Euph. Oliver H. Bartine and twenty nurses made short work of a fire on the fifth floor. While the superintendent and attendants fought the flames, nurses stood guard in the wards where the small invalids slept, with the result that not one of them knew of the fire.

There are five stories high, and they are connected by a one-story store structure. One of the five-story buildings is a recent addition. On the fifth floor of the older building is the play room of the institution. For several weeks there has been an air of expectancy among the children. They have been waiting for the visit of Santa Claus. The management allows the children to name the presents they want, and their letters are delivered promptly to the Christmas saint.

STATE WINS POINT

Judge Wood Rules Against Pettibone at Boise.

MOTION OF DEFENSE DENIED

State Rests in Famous Case After Gaining What Is Esteemed Distinct Victory—Wood Invites Argument as to Whether Sufficient Evidence of Conspiracy Has Been Shown.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 24.—After the State rested its case in the Pettibone trial this morning, Judge Wood stated in relation to the motion of the defense, that the court instructed the jury to acquit the defendant, that he had reached the conclusion that there was not sufficient corroboration of Orchard's testimony on the killing of Steuenberg, alone, to warrant conviction.

He also stated that he concluded, that corroboration was necessary to establish a conspiracy to commit crime, of which the killing of Steuenberg was an incident, if such conspiracy existed, and he invited argument on whether or not sufficient corroboration had been introduced on this point, and also as to whether or not the defendant had been connected with the conspiracy.

The conclusions of Judge Wood are regarded as a distinct victory for the State. Unless the court sustains the motion of the defense for an instructed verdict, the prosecution will not be required to connect the defendant with the Steuenberg murder, it being only necessary to show that a conspiracy existed, and that a member of the conspiracy killed Steuenberg for the furtherance of the objects of the conspiracy.

In the Haywood trial, Judge Wood held that independent testimony, tending to connect the defendant with the crime charged, was necessary, and unless he instructs the jury to acquit, his rulings in that case will be reported.

The motion was argued by John F. Nugent for the defense and Senator Borah for the prosecution. Judge Wood reserved his decision until Thursday morning, and instructed the defense to be prepared to proceed with its case at that time, in the event that the motion was not sustained.

The defendant's witnesses for the State were Judge Gable, of the Supreme Court of Colorado, who told of the explosion of the bomb which killed Walley, and which Orchard said was planted for the witness.

Shortly after 3 o'clock Mr. Gillespie, who has grown gray in the work of caring for the cripples, looked out of a window on the fourth floor of the new building and saw the flare of flames from the windows on the top floor of the old building.

He immediately notified Mr. Bartine, who, hurrying into his clothes, caused all of the twenty nurses and the four house physicians to be aroused.

The nurses, ordered to guard the wards to see that the patients, tipped to the floor, did not fall, looked out of the windows and saw the flare of flames from the windows on the top floor of the old building.

William Miller, engineer of the home, ran to the street and sounded an alarm. After that he took charge of the elevators and got them ready for use, if necessary.

In the meantime, the watchman in the tower at Battalion Chief Kane's headquarters had seen the flare of the flames, and on the alarm the engines had rolled into the street. They arrived at the home almost as soon as the alarm was turned in. But when they reached the place, Mr. Bartine, aided by the night watchman, William Ashley, and Sheriff Davidson, had extinguished the fire by using the hose and the hand grenades.

The flames had started in some tinsel, apparently because of spontaneous combustion. Boxes of the gauzy stuff went up in fire and smoke in a few minutes. For a time it looked as though the building would be a big one, but the superintendent's precautions saved the day. The fire was entirely extinguished fifteen minutes after the arrival of the firemen.

SOCIALISTS FAVOR STOKES.

Party Finds It Has Much Presidential Material in Its Ranks.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—J. G. Phelps Stokes, the New York millionaire philanthropist, may be the Socialist candidate for President of the United States in 1908, and he is one of many millionaires in line for the honor of leading "the struggle to abolish poverty."

Chicago Socialists to-day began hunting round for Presidential material, and they were amazed at the richness of the field. Second in line is Joseph M. Patterson. Another eligible is Eugene V. Debs.

All of the candidates Mr. Stokes is the most favored. When Mr. Stokes took Rosa Pastor from her work as a cigar-maker and made her his bride he gave a demonstration, according to members of the party, that showed his heart was in the right place, and he could rise above the superstitions of mere money.

Would Compel Allowance.

A determined movement to compel the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to pay a per diem allowance for foreign cars used on its lines was begun yesterday, when an ozen of the great railroads of the East, connecting with the New Haven, named it as a condition of their agreement with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The refusal of the New Haven to abide by the agreements of railroad companies, whereby each railroad pays 50 cents a day as rental for cars of a connecting road, is declared to be in violation of the terms of the Hepburn rate act.

Confessed Embezzler Surrenders.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 24.—William Maxon, formerly of Wells & Maxon, a well-known real estate firm, at 735 Grand street, who suddenly left town on October 22 last, after sending to many of his creditors checks which he subsequently returned from the bank marked "N. G.," walked into police headquarters in Jersey City to-night and surrendered as a self-confessed embezzler. Maxon confessed that he amounted he had misappropriated aggregated about